

Palmer Warns Against Raising Prices Of Coal

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Federal district attorneys were instructed today by attorney general Palmer to receive and consider complaints of profiteering in bituminous coal which may arise in your district under the Lever act.

Mr. Palmer's telegram was prepared after some bituminous coal operators had stated publicly that the new wage scale agreed on under the terms of the award by the coal strike settlement commission would result in an increase of from 45 cents to \$1.15 a ton on coal.

Pointing out that the total increase in wages had been estimated at approximately \$200,000,000 a year, Mr. Palmer said that if this entire amount were "added by the operators to the price, it would only make an increase of 45 cents a ton."

"If, however, the operators absorb the 45 percent increase which became effective in December," said the attorney general, "there will be left only \$18,000,000 to be passed on to the consumer. In this event the increase in the price of coal at the mine should amount to 25 cents a ton."

Mr. Palmer said he understood operators had estimated the demand for export coal would be 100,000,000 tons, but that port facilities are only adequate for the export of 30,000,000 tons.

Motion Pictures To Be Carried To Army Units

The El Paso military district has received from the southern department at Fort Sam Houston a motorized motion picture unit, according to announcement made by the district adjutant, Maj. W. L. Saturday.

The equipment consists of a motor truck and an automobile to be used to put on motion picture shows in the military camps in this district where there are no accommodations for giving shows to soldiers. The truck is mounted with a complete motion picture outfit and the auto is to be used to convey films from place to place.

The order from the southern department assigned Sergt. James George and Pvt. Martin J. Heckler and Harry G. Booth as the personnel of the new unit with orders to operate the machines in this district.

It is understood that Maj. Miller has been working for this unit for some time in order that the patrols of soldiers in the more remote sections may be provided with some form of amusement. There are no places provided for this sort of recreation in most of the patrol camps in this district.

per annum. This, he said, should not be made an excuse for raising the price.

Thousand See Well At Vernon Turned Loose

Vernon, Texas, April 2.—The Prescott-Peoria company's well is making more than 3000 barrels. This well is on the Wharton ranch, 12 miles south at Vernon and has for some time attracted the attention of operators throughout the state. More than 1000 people were present when the well was turned loose a few days ago.

Among those at the site at that time were representatives of many of the largest oil concerns in the United States.

When the well was opened oil shot from the eight and one quarter inch pipe several feet over the crown block and scattering over more than 10,000 yards in every direction. The well flowed for five minutes every five minutes until it shut off.

Leases are changing hands daily at rapidly advancing prices.

PLAN MEMORIAL SERVICE. Plans for the Confederate memorial service on April 24, to be held by Robert E. Lee chapter of the U. D. C. at their plot in Evergreen cemetery, will be discussed next Thursday afternoon at the meeting of the chapter, which will take place at 2 o'clock, following a meeting of the John C. Brown camp of the Confederate Veterans, at 2 o'clock.

Indian Labor Leader To Talk On "Theosophy"

Bahman Pestonji Wadia, of India, legal adviser and representative of that country to the International Labor conference held in Washington, D. C., last November, will arrive in El Paso, April 10 at 2:45 p. m. from Los Angeles and will spend a few hours in the city.

Mr. Wadia comes to the western world with a message from the far east of "Democracy" is the "New America."

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BAHMAN PESTONJI WADIA.

ex-president of the labor federation of Madras, and who enjoys the confidence of the British government as well as that of his Indian fellowmen, he is a widely traveled man in Asia, Europe and America; an occultist of attainment and power as well as a man of affairs.

In England he appeared before the British parliament and in America has spoken before various city clubs from church pulpits, to labor organizations and other public bodies in every city he has visited.

While at the Washington labor conference he was called "the biggest figure at the labor parley."

In all his lectures Mr. Wadia has given a new impetus to theosophical teachings.

Mr. Wadia will be accompanied by Dr. Woodruff Sheppard, national publicity director of the American section of the theosophical society; Augustus L. Krohn, dean and trustee of Krotona institute; H. H. Whitt, treasurer of the American section; and Lieut. George Marion Kyle, late member of the famous French-American Lafayette squadron.

Mr. Wadia has been associated for many years with Mrs. Annie Besant, head of the theosophical movement in England, America and India. Before he returns to India in July he will complete a tour of the United States, giving a series of lectures under the auspices of the American Theosophical society. He will stop in El Paso but a few hours but during that time will address the labor unions at 4:30 p. m. and at 8 p. m. will give a public lecture in Odd Fellows hall, leaving at 10:30 p. m. for San Antonio. His one lecture in El Paso will be on "Man's Hidden Powers and How to Develop them."

EIGHTH CAVALRY BAND WILL PLAY SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC

Weather permitting, the Eighth cavalry band will play the following program from 5:45 to 6:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the band stand at Fort Bliss:

March, "The Crusader," Sousa.
Fantasia, "Parsifal," Moses-Tobani, (from H. Wagner's sacred music drama).

Paraphrase, "The Palms," Faure.

Valen, "Invitation a La Valse," Weber.

Grand selection, "Macbeth," Moses-Tobani, (from G. Verdi's opera).

Grand March, "Coronation March," Ellensberg.

Finale, "Eighth Cavalry Air," Juke-box.

Lieut. William E. Vanover is the band leader.

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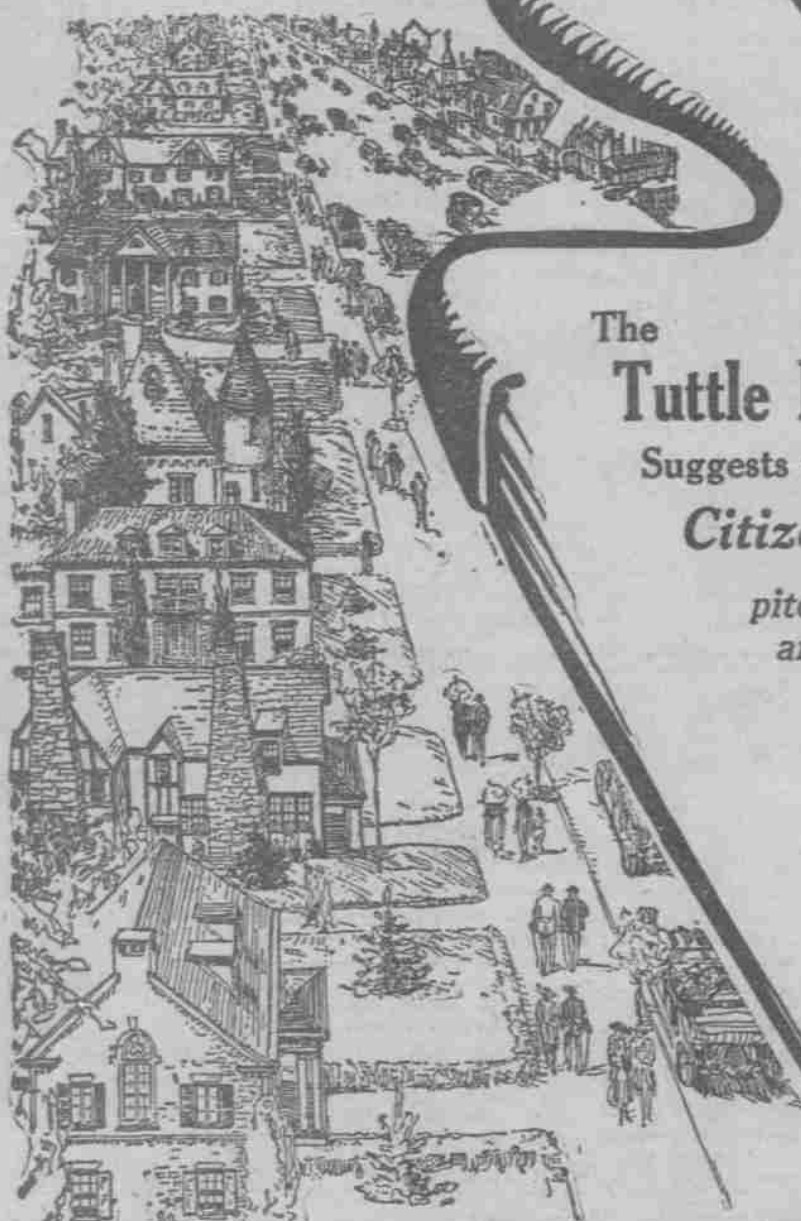
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